

George Washington to Thomas Jefferson, July 15, 1790, from Thomas Jefferson and the National Capital. Edited by Saul K. Padover.

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Thursday, July 15, 1790.

WASHINGTON TO JEFFERSON.

Dear Sir: Have you formed an opinion on the subject I submitted to you on Tuesday?⁴ Have you heard whether the Bill was disputed in both or either House of Congress on the ground of the Constitution, or whether this objection (in its full force) was held in petto for the last move, in the present Stage of the business? If it was debated, as above, whether the arguments adduced by the Author of the Address to the P— were made use of, and how treated? and what would be the consequence supposing such a case, as he states, should arise? Yours sincerely and Affectionately.

⁴ A marginal note by Jefferson states: "For fixing the seat of the federal govmt"

[Pp. 69–70, WRITINGS OF WASHINGTON, Fitzpatrick, Vol. 31.]